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Column One
By David Courtney

IT is a clever man who can foretell the end to the conflict between Britain and Egypt. The forceful measures of the Army in Ismailia have been succeeded by the frenzied measures of the mob in Cairo. Terrorist is chased through the land by soldier and soldier is harried by the terrorist behind. It is a familiar and sickening chain. The absence of genuine nationalism in Egypt is made up for by the fanaticism of mobs easily provoked to murder and destruction. Of the two, fanaticism more easily gets out of hand, until neither the forces of presumed authority which use it as an instrument, nor those against which it is so madly directed, are able to keep up with it. Nahas Pasha, evading charges of corruption and seeking honours for his declining years has, instead, singed himself in a fiery tumult which has now devoured the last rags of his reputation as a national leader. King Farouk, passionate for crowns, risks the head that would wear them.

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KING Farouk's decision to dismiss Nahas packing is an expedient of the kind which kings and commanders-in-chief often resort to in times of turmoil. Whether the Egyptian Army is more competent in these matters than the civil police, or the King wiser than his Government, is not easy to decide. Even if they were, the problem of fitting the dual crown of Egypt and the Sudan to Farouk's head whilst preserving Britain's hold on Sudan would still exist. She has a right to preserve that hold as long as the alternative is a combination of mob-rule and the rule of a feudal oligarchy from Cairo.

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IT is an argument, not particularly reputable, that the madder the mobs get the better the chance of a Government ready to talk with Britain and America about handing over the Canal Zone to a Middle East Command. It may be the argument that justifies the extraordinary battle of Ismailia. But there is a suggestion that London may be a little uncertain about whether the Army was right to go as far as it did. Even General Erskine is reported to have asked for policy on a means of supplementing force. Unless the present "defence" methods are to be extended to conquest, or the British forces to be wholly withdrawn from Egyptian territory, the political approach, with all its risks, frustration and delays, will have to be resumed. It should not be beyond the wit of Britain and the U.S. to find a way of resuming it.

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IT may be hard, in the present temper of the Egyptian populace, to persuade an Egyptian Government to recognize common interest with Britain and America. But it should not be impossible in view of Egypt's internal danger, which had developed out of what it claimed was an external danger; and its urgent need of goods, dollars and markets. Clearly the new way of approach will have to avoid the old semi-colonial methods and be so devised as to give the Egyptian people an opportunity to cool down. They will never cool down as long as they are held down.

Tel Aviv, January 28.

Arab States Humbled By West at General Assembly

By Maurice Carr, Cable to The POST

PARIS, Sunday. — After being permitted to run amok for more than a fortnight in the U.N. Ad Hoc Committee, the Arabs were finally quelled at the decisive plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Saturday.

Firmly handled by the Western powers for the first time in the current U.N. session, the Arabs, with scarcely a murmur of protest, disgorged the bulk of the political gains that they had gobbled up during the Palestine debate. By 47 votes to nil, with seven abstentions (the Soviet bloc and Guatemala) the Assembly ratified what amounted to virtually a new resolution on the P.C.C. after the Canadian amendments had expunged the most objectionable pro-Arab and anti-Israel features from the text originally adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee.

The Palestine debate in the sixth session of the U.N. General Assembly must go down in history as a sinister event, for there can be no mistaking the authenticity of the openly proclaimed fundamental aspiration of the Arabs to exterminate Israel.

But it would be wrong to overlook the burlesque — not to say happy — ending to the debate, which provided an invaluable object lesson on Arab psychology, and which pointed to the ultimate way towards peace. As long as other powers showed weakness, the Arab states were grotesquely aggressive, intransigent and arrogant. The Arabs resorted to what one British spokesman referred to as "stinking pressure," to the very last threatening to reject Blandford aid for refugees if the General Assembly dared not to ratify the Ad Hoc version of the resolution on the P.C.C.

Resist Blackmail

The U.S., Britain, France and Turkey, however, in close consultation with the Israel delegation, resisted this Arab blackmail. The Ad Hoc version of the P.C.C. resolution, they pointed out, would fail to achieve the two-thirds majority required in the Assembly for ratification. The Arabs could choose between the rejection of the pro-Arab resolution, or the new, non-committal resolution as amended by Canada. Confronted with the alternative, as an Israel spokesman put it, of "jumping from the window or taking the ladder," the Arabs took the ladder.

But, grotesque to the very end, they came down all humbleness, absolutely grovelling on their hands and knees. Apparently terrified at the thought that the Western powers, having got tough, might even contemplate withholding Blandford dollars, the Arab delegates, figuratively speaking, prostrated themselves, chanting: "The Dollar is great."

At zero hour — late Friday night — the Arabs surrendered, promising to support the Canadian amendments. The man whom they chose to do their public climbing down in the General Assembly was none other than fieriest of all Arab fire-eaters, Ahmed Shukeiri of Syria. He mounted the rostrum, opened his mouth, and out poured these words:

The distinguished delegate from Canada is a man of dignity, sober mind, and sound judgment. He found it his duty to fill many gaps in the resolution debated in the Ad Hoc Committee. Now he performs his task diligently and with devotion. His task is one of conciliation, and we express our gratitude and appreciation to the distinguished delegate from Canada.

On and on went Shukeiri, licking not only the boots of Canada, but also of France, Britain, the United States and Turkey in that order. Among the Arab states, Iraq alone remained uncompromising, abstaining from voting, and launching yet another warlike diatribe against Israel—the echo of menaces uttered last week by Shukeiri and the rest in indubitable sincerity. In a significant passage Jamali, of Iraq, described the 1947 U.N. resolution on partition as "illegal," then insisted on its implementation.

Haiti's Address

Several Latin American states in explanation of their vote called for the internationalization of Jerusalem. The finest speech, which had a magnificent historical sweep and which plainly indicated that the Arab states were concerned with Arab refugees only as a potential weapon with which to bludgeon Israel out of existence, was delivered by M. Dantes Bellegarde, of Haiti. Against all rules and regulations, it drew warm applause from the General Assembly. If it had been delivered by a spokesman of a great power, it would not only have been a powerful piece of oratory but also an historically important address.

In explanation of the Arab vote, M. Helou, Lebanese Foreign Minister, reiterated that while gladly taking money the Arab states rejected in principle the resettlement of refugees anywhere outside of Israel. As previously stated by Shukeiri, the Arabs insist on repatriation — by fair means or foul.

The resolution on the P.C.C. cannot be considered as a triumph either for Israel or for the Arabs. Beautifully vague, it expresses essentially Western determination to maintain a wait-and-see attitude on the Palestine problem, and so long as Western relations with the Arab world as a whole remain unresolved.

H.Q. in New York

According to Trygve Lie's reading of the resolution, the P.C.C. headquarters will be the New York headquarters of the United Nations, but according to the New Zealand delegate's interpretation, the P.C.C. will at the same time be entitled to maintain a representative in Jerusalem.

Mr. Eban in a closely reasoned statement to the General Assembly claimed that the P.C.C. has virtually been transformed into a good offices committee under the new resolution. "The mandate of the U.N. is now clear," he declared. "Agreement can only be generated by the common will of both parties. It cannot be created or imposed from without." He inferred that it was entirely up to both parties now to initiate action.

The consensus is, however, that the P.C.C. has only been shelved pending broader international developments. The moral to be drawn from this Palestine debate is that only by its strength can Israel hope to survive among, and ultimately achieve peace with, her Arab neighbours.

Changes Announced In Result of Voting

PARIS, Sunday (UP). — Senor Padilla Nervo, President of the General Assembly, had some trouble last night in arriving at the figure for the official vote on the Palestine Question in the Assembly.

He announced it first as 47 to six, with two abstentions, in favour of the amended resolution on the P.C.C. Then he amended the result as 47 to five, with two abstentions, and, finally 48 to five, with one abstention.

P.C.C. Decision of Doubtful Value

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

HAKIRYA, Sunday. — The Government's view of the resolution on the "Palestine Question" as finally adopted by the General Assembly, is not wholly critical. It is felt here that the resolutions were conceived in a certain spirit of unreality, and that it is far from certain whether they can lead to an improvement in the Middle East situation or bring any nearer a settlement between Israel and the Arab States. It is not thought, however, that the resolutions can do any harm.

The Conciliation Commission has been given a new lease of life, although it had asked to be put out of its misery; and, under the circumstances, it cannot be expected to show much initiative or activity. It may, however, in accordance with the original proposals, hold itself available for consultation by the parties directly affected rather than try to produce new solutions to a problem which it would take more than the most gifted commission to solve.

It has been noted here that the Assembly has once again instructed the Commission to seek to bring about agreement between the parties in conformity with previous resolutions — in other words, to achieve the final peace settlement which the Assembly has repeatedly demanded. It is highly improbable that it will attempt to do so by means which its own painful experience has shown to be unproductive.

After careful scrutiny, it is judged here that the resolution concerning the Arab refugees is couched in terms which should make possible the implementation of the Blandford Plan, provided that the financial resources are in fact forthcoming. That the Arabs do not sabotage it for the sake of keeping the refugee problem alive as a political issue. It is certain, at least, that UNRWA will tackle the problem in a constructive spirit, and that it will receive the active support of the sponsoring powers, particularly the U.S.

While it is by no means clear that the session of the General Assembly, now nearing its end, has brought matters very far forward, the opinion here is that it would be an exaggeration to describe as retrogressive the work done on the "Palestine Question." At the same time, in a situation which is both chronic and acute, it is felt that any "marking time" or lack of progress should probably be regarded as at least a temporary setback.

USSR to Revise Treaty If Italy Quits NATO

MOSCOW, Sunday (AP). — The Soviet Union has told Italy she will have to leave NATO if she wants a revision of the peace treaty signed with Russia nearly five years ago.

Italy will also have to get rid of all foreign troops on Italian soil, a Russian note delivered by the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, to the Italian Charge d'Affaires in Moscow said.

The note, broadcast by Moscow Radio today, said that Russia is ready to agree to a peace treaty revision only if these steps are taken.

The note was in reply to one sent by Italy to the U.S., Britain and France on December 3, suggesting that the peace treaty with her former enemies should be revised as it no longer corresponded to Italy's position as a "member of the family of democratic and freedom-loving nations."

Decision Soon On Release of $40m. Grant-in-Aid

Discussions on the procedure of releasing $40 m. of American grant-in-aid funds will, it is hoped, be concluded in the next few days between Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan and Mr. Bruce McDaniel, the grant-in-aid Administrator, Mr. Ehud Avriel, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, and his deputy, Mr. Yosef Ami, said yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem. The monies will be released in instalments after the decision is reached.

The rate of exchange of the grant-in-aid dollar will be fixed in the next few days, Mr. Avriel said.

No danger exists that any money would be lost due to a delay in placing orders before the end of the present U.S. fiscal year in June 1952, Mr. Avriel said. It has already been decided what to buy and orders will be placed as soon as the monies are released.

About 72 per cent of the entire $65m. in grant-in-aid funds will be used for industrial and general development and the balance for immediate needs, it was revealed. Industrial equipment, machinery, spare parts, and technical assistance will take $19.23m. (30 per cent of the total); raw materials, seeds, fodder and fuel, about $27.7m. (43 per cent); building materials for new immigrants, $2.7m. (4 per cent); and food, not including raw materials, $15.2m. (23 per cent).

Allotments Given

The $40m. to be released soon will be used as follows: (the figure in parentheses refers to the $65.7m. already released):

electrical equipment, $8.3m. ($2m.)
agriculture, $17m. ($4.4m.)
industrial development $4m.
communications, $2.25m.
immigrants' housing, $0m.
food, $17m. ($13.8m.)
raw materials, including textiles and leather, $7. ($1.3m.)
fuel, $0m. ($4.16m.)
technical assistance, $42m.

The Minister of Commerce is studying plans submitted by his Ministry, the Investment Centre, and individual industrialists regarding the $4m. earmarked for industrial development, Mr. Avriel said. Top priority will be given to new industries which will use local raw materials, to be followed by industries which will help decrease imports and possibly increase exports. These factories will have to be set up, as far as possible, in new development areas.

Concerning the possibility of a future U.S. grant-in-aid allotment Mr. Avriel said he hoped it would be larger than the present one, but concrete information is not yet available. The Government, however, in preparing the general programme for the country's development, plans that some of the needed sums are to be covered by a grant-in-aid.

Law to Deal With Crimes Against State

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reviewed the recent developments at the U.N. General Assembly in Paris at the weekly meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. The Cabinet also started discussions on a bill on crimes against the State and on the Civil Service Law. It will meet again today to continue its discussion of the economic situation.

The proposed law on crimes against the State, which was referred to a ministerial committee, would, it is understood, give the Government special powers to act against individuals and organizations which in emergency conditions might endanger the security of the State. It is possible that the final draft of the bill will replace old Emergency Regulations still in force.

Civil Service Law

The Civil Service Law which the Cabinet discussed briefly yesterday would, if passed by the Knesset, be added to the nation's Fundamental Laws. The bill reportedly defines the rights, duties, and conditions of employment and retirement of civil servants and calls for the establishment of a Civil Service Commission and a Court of Discipline for Civil Servants.

The text of the official communique on yesterday's Cabinet meeting follows:

The Cabinet, at its weekly meeting yesterday, heard a report by the Foreign Minister on the U.N. General Assembly deliberations.

The Finance Minister reported on citrus export negotiations with the growers. The procedure for co-ordination with representatives of world Jewry on reparations claims was clarified.

A Bill on transgressions against the State was discussed and referred to a ministerial committee. Consideration of the Civil Service Law was begun. The Cabinet will continue its meeting today.

Communists Accept Allied Plan For Speeding Talks

MUNSAN, Sunday (AP). — The Communists accepted today an Allied plan for speeding the armistice talks. The Allies then proposed a dramatic meeting between Gen. Matthew Ridgway and the enemy High Command to sign a partial truce pact, but the Communists delayed giving an answer to the proposal for a face to face meeting of the top commanders.

However, after weeks of deadlock and bickering, the wheels of the negotiating machinery began to move again. Under the Allied plan, the subcommittee on the stalled issue of the truce supervision went into recess, and Communist and U.N. Command Staff officers took over the job.

The Allies handed the Communists an 18-page "draft agreement" which covered all matters governing the armistice except the stalled prisoner of war exchange issue and the question of making recommendations to the Governments of the belligerents.

The Communists tentatively agreed to use the draft as a basis for the Staff officer sessions, but said it would be necessary to make further study before giving their final answer.

The draft agreement provides for a signing of the armistice at Panmunjom by Gen. Peng Teh-huai, Commander of the Chinese Communist forces in Korea.

The text left space for the date of signing, but listed the month as "February 1952." An Allied spokesman said, however, that the date was just thrown in and had no special significance.

Germans Demand Saar Settlement

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Chancellor Adenauer's statement in Bonn today that Germany will not join any European army until the Saar question is settled, has added enormously to the difficulties of the six Foreign Ministers trying to work out how to bring German soldiers into Western defence.

Meanwhile, the Ministers wrestled here today with the voting system of the Council, which is to be a controlling organ of the European army.

The three Benelux countries oppose any method by which they could be permanently dominated by the Big Three or by a Franco-German coalition. They are determined to retain national control over their defence finance.

A French official described as a bombshell today's German announcement from Bonn, that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer would not agree to a German contibution to Western European defence before the Saar question was solved.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said the decision to change the status of the French representative in the Saar from that of High Commissioner to Ambassador was taken last March, when the reasons for it were made public at the time, he said.

Churchill Faces Worst Crisis on Return

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Winston Churchill returns here from the U.S. to face Britain's biggest economic crisis since the war. He has the task of telling his fellow countrymen they must work harder, produce more and consume less if they are to avoid disaster.

When the Queen Mary docks at Southampton, he will entrain without delay for London to hold hurried consultations with his Cabinet Ministers in preparation for Tuesday's opening of Parliament.

In addition to the financial crisis, the Government is confronted with the Egyptian situation and a clear division of opinion among members about Anglo-American policy in the Far East.

Britons were warned last night of the need for stern measures. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, a prominent banker, said in a radio talk: "We are at the edge of disaster. If once we lose control of the value of the pound in international exchange, 50 million people cannot survive on this island."

Mr. Churchill will be asked in the House of Commons next week if he and President Truman propose to have a meeting with Marshal Stalin. Mr. Norman Dodds, a Labour Member, is to ask the question because of "the public desire for personal talks between Marshal Stalin, President Truman and himself in order to lessen the international tension."

Huge Australian Bush Fires Rage Unabated

MELBOURNE, Sunday (Reuter). — A great pall of smoke, acrid with the stench of burned animals, drifted across the main shipping lanes off southeastern Australia today from gigantic bush fires which have raged for days, killing at least eight persons.

Vast new fires cut black swaths across pastureland bush, sending dense layers of evil-smelling smoke over the whole southeastern corner of the Australian continent.

Three Million Damage

Agricultural experts estimated the fires have caused more than £A3m. damage. On the south coast of New South Wales alone, 100,000 sheep and 10,000 cattle have been incinerated.

Several people are missing in addition to the eight confirmed dead and at least eight critically burned in New South Wales and Victoria.

Heavy rains put out the blaze in many areas overnight, but in southwestern New South Wales and in the scrubland of Northern Victoria, the bush leapt into flame again today.

41 Killed in Mexico As Bus Explodes

ATLIXCO, MEXICO (UP). — A bus crowded with women and children exploded and crashed in flames into a ditch south of here last night, killing 41 persons and seriously injuring six.

The survivors told police that the bus exploded when the driver, Gildardo H. Clar, who was killed in the fire, threw a match on top of the gasoline tank.

Farouk Fires Nahas, Appoints Ali Maher

Ex-Premier Forms New Cabinet

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — King Farouk tonight dismissed Premier Nahas Pasha's Cabinet and called on independent ex-Premier Ali Maher Pasha to form a new Government. Late tonight reports stated that Ali Maher had already formed a Cabinet.

Ali Maher was named chief of the Royal Cabinet in opposition to the Wafd in 1937, and assumed the premiership in 1939 shortly following the outbreak of war in Europe.

Maher was nevertheless displaced in June, 1940, and in April, 1942 was arrested by Nahas Pasha's Cabinet for allegedly constituting a threat to the security of Allied forces in Egypt. He was known to have strong pro-German tendencies.

Ali Maher himself holds the posts of Premier, Foreign Minister and Minister of War and Defence in the new coalition Cabinet, as well as replacing Nahas Pasha as Military Governor-General.

Ahmed Maghari (Interior), Mohammed Zaki Abdul Muta'al (Finance), Salih Sami (Agriculture), Mohammed Abdul Khalek Hassan (Education), Ibrahim Shawki (Health, Municipalities and Villages), Mohammed Ali Namazi (Justice), Ibrahim Abdul Wahab (Trade), Mahmoud Hassan (Social), and Hamed Suleiman (Public Works and Communications).

The King acted late tonight after Nahas Pasha and his Wafd Cabinet met for four and a half hours to discuss action following yesterday's riots, in which at least 20 were killed and 200 hurt.

Farouk had once before dismissed Nahas, in 1944, but the latter was swept back by an overwhelming vote in the general elections of January, 1950.

No Break Announced

Nahas' cabinet had met earlier today, but made no announcement of any diplomatic break with Britain. Cairo newspapers said yesterday that the cabinet might approve a final diplomatic break with Britain this afternoon.

Fuad Saraj e-Din Pasha, former Minister of the Interior, told correspondents that the Cabinet meeting was devoted entirely to a review of yesterday's rioting in Cairo and the measures taken by the Government to bring the situation under control.

Egyptian troops were ordered to shoot on sight anyone found in the streets of Cairo after 6 o'clock this evening following the wild wave of anti-British rioting, gunfire and arson which swept the capital yesterday.

The Nahas Cabinet, in transmitting orders to the army following the imposition of martial law throughout the country, said exception would be made only in the case of first aid ambulances and other vital services.

Casualties Announced

Saraj announced today that more than 20 people had been killed, 100 wounded and 300 arrested in yesterday's riots. In Ismailia, a high British official said tonight it was feared the British death toll in yesterday's Cairo rioting might reach 17. There were three identified dead, five presumed dead and nine missing.

Meanwhile, ex-Premier Nahas who had become the Military Governor-General of Egypt and assumed exceptional powers under the state of martial law, today issued a military order providing imprisonment of from two to five or more years for gatherings of more than five persons. The penalty would be more severe if one or more of a crowd endangered public security.

Acting Foreign Minister Ibrahim Faraj Pasha said today memoranda have been received by the Government from the U.S., France and Switzerland on the rioting and arson. Each Government also presented a list of losses incurred by its respective citizens.

News from Alexandria said that following strict supervision by the Egyptian Army and police, perfect order has been restored there. Several arrests have been effected for security purposes.

In a statement explaining the proclamation of martial law, Nahas Pasha said that the Egyptian people yesterday were out to demonstrate their national indignation at the "continued aggression" of the British forces "culminating in the attack on the Police Headquarters on January 25."

The statement said that instigators and subversive elements, exploiting the situation, spread seditious propaganda, resulting in chaos and destruction, arson and looting. These elements, the statement said, "attempted to overthrow the Government in accordance with a prepared plan, giving the enemy an opportunity to intervene."

Riots Damage Cause

Nahas Pasha said that the greatest damage has been inflicted on Egypt's cause by the riots.

People scuttled home today before the dusk to dawn curfew came into force through streets where still smouldering buildings marked the path of yesterday's riots.

There were no new reports of disturbances throughout Egypt.

The British Embassy reported a few shots in the centre of Cairo today and said large crowds were gathering, but they were thought to be sightseers.

Arson and looting which wrecked the commercial area of the city is estimated at £E 10m.

The French Embassy reported the destruction by fire of several French business concerns yesterday. The Michelin motorcar tyre agency in the centre of Cairo was mentioned.

Shepherd's Gutted

The Italian Embassy spokesman listed damage to Italian property as "very limited." He said there were no reports of any Italian casualties, but he had no definite news of visiting Italian opera singers, who were staying at Shepherd's Hotel, which was gutted. The walls of the hotel were reported to have caved in shortly after noon today after fire burned there throughout the night.

Swedish diplomats were reported to be in touch with the Egyptian authorities regarding a fire which destroyed the Swedish Consulate in downtown Cairo. The Consulate stood near the Metro Cinema and almost opposite the Turf Club, which were also destroyed.

The U.S. Consul in Cairo said he had received confirmation that all Americans were safe. The U.S. Embassy confirmed that the U.S. had presented a memorandum to Egypt yesterday holding the latter responsible for loss of American life and property.

Reuter's correspondent in the Suez Canal Zone, Mr. Roland Batchelor, reported that for the first time in weeks there were no overnight incidents in the Zone.

British Troops On Cyprus Stand By

By Shahe Guebenlian, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday.—Ships and planes are tonight standing by to take thousands of British troops to Egypt upon the word "Go!" Eight R.A.F. Hasting transports landed at the Tymbou airfield this morning in east Nicosia from Fayid. Their mission was kept secret.

Meanwhile, army engineers marked roads leading to the Tymbou airfield from military camps with direction signs.

Famagusta harbour was last night converted into a "war theatre," with hundreds of tanks, guns, vehicles and troops arriving from all parts of the island ready for embarkation.

The British Forces Broadcasting Station, near Nicosia, which had been operating since the end of the Mandate in Palestine, was today destroyed by fire, the cause of which is unknown.

Civil, army and R.A.F. fire brigades rushed in the early hours of the morning today to salvage whatever possible, but it was too late. The studio's theatre and equipment were completely gutted, and only the transmitters and piano were saved.

Britain Braced For Egypt Showdown

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — Whitehall is now bracing itself for a showdown with Egypt, in the knowledge that no active support can be expected from the U.S.

The Foreign Office and Defence Department are keeping in touch with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, who is out of London. He is believed to favour the acceptance of the mediation offers variously made by Pakistan, Iraq and Saudia. The trouble is, that Cairo continues to bank on a breach in the Anglo-U.S. front.

It is also felt here that Egypt may now be prepared to take steps not contemplated a week ago, such as the expulsion of all British residents and the sequestration of their property. Should this be accompanied by disorders, the consequences are incalculable.

In anticipation of the expected diplomatic rupture, the authorities here have been making their preparation during the last 24 hours. Apart from the despatch of further military reinforcements, these might include the establishment of military rule in the Canal Zone, the evacuation from the Zone of 300,000 Egyptians, whom it will be impossible to feed, and the transfer of the British Embassy from Cairo to Fayid, in the Canal Zone.

On the Egyptian side, there may well be something approaching full mobilization, in addition to the measures already referred to. One possibility which causes some anxiety, is that the Egyptians may block the Sweetwater Canal and thus cut off the Canal Zone's water supply, if they no longer have to reckon with the presence of Egyptian civilians there.

On the other hand, it is felt that short of evacuating the Egyptian population, there is no way of preventing the continuance of terrorism. Indeed, some guerrilla bands will probably continue to slip through anyhow.

EDEN, MILITARY CONFER

LONDON, Sunday (UP).—Mr. Anthony Eden rushed back to London from a week-end in the country last night on hearing Egypt declared martial law. He conferred with Britain's three service chiefs on the next move in the explosive Anglo-Egyptian crisis.

Later, he conferred with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Walter Gifford.

2,000 Nationalists Held in Tunisia

TUNIS, Sunday. — More than 2,000 Arab nationalists have been arrested throughout Tunisia during the past 24 hours, reliable unofficial sources said today, as French troops and police launched their largest round-up of the 11-day crisis.

House-to-house searches for weapons and separatist literature were carried out by tough colonial infrantrymen and local police in widely scattered localities, while French Vampire fighter planes circled overhead and tanks supported the soldiers.

The authorities declared only "minor incidents" occurred in Tunisia overnight. Sabotage operations against railroads and communications lines by nationalists are reported widely. A railroad bridge between Hencha and Sainte Juliette, near Sfax, was blown up by terrorists last night.

Two high French Government officials arrived here last night to study the possibility of opening negotiations for peace in Tunisia, as the predominantly settled into an uneasy quiet after 11 days of rioting, in which 60 persons were killed.

M. Jacques Duhamel, Attache to the French Cabinet, and Mr. Jean Paloy, Foreign Ministry expert on Tunisian affairs, conferred with Jean de Hauteclocque, Resident-General, immediately after arrival.

A few hours earlier Tunisian Premier Mohammed Chenik and two other top Government officials had an audience with the Bey of Tunis to discuss the text of a new note to the French Government.

Israel Army Soccer XI Trounces Cyprus Champs

NICOSIA, Sunday. — The Israel army football team today won a resounding victory against the Turkish Chetinkaya eleven, last year's Cyprus champions, beating them by 6-0 after a scoreless first half.

The visiting team was in top form, but was unlucky in missing two goals in the first half.

After the interval, the Turkish team disintegrated in the face the Israel team's scintillating football. Thrill followed upon thrill as the Israelis netted six goals in quick succession.

The visitors are playing their second match on Wednesday.

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THE first trees are to be planted today of the forest which is to arise in the hills of Judea as a memorial to Count Folke Bernadotte, who was struck down in Jerusalem by the hand of an assassin on September 17, 1948. There has not been, and it may be hoped that there will never be, a blacker day in the history of Israel than that on which the U.N. Mediator, whose person should have been sacrosanct, met his tragic death in the performance of his duty.

Count Folke Bernadotte

Folke Bernadotte had deserved well of the Jewish people long before he came to this country. As President of the Swedish Red Cross, he had, on his own initiative, taken successful action in saving the lives of thousands of victims, Jews and others, of the Nazi extermination squads. He had a long and distinguished record of humanitarian work in many fields. It was because he loved peace and hated war that he obeyed the United Nations' summons, and accepted what he knew would be the heavy task of mediator in the Israel-Arab conflict.

It is possible that there was something naive in his approach to the political problems that arose after he had succeeded in bringing about the end of the fighting. He was unfamiliar with the Middle East, and with the complicated tangle of relations between its peoples; but there was never any doubt about his energy, his unstinting devotion to duty, and his genuine love and regard for his fellow-men. He would have been happy to see Israel well and truly established after all the travail and sacrifice of those early months, and he would have been the first to admire Israel's achievement in the field of rescue and immigration.

Bernadotte was a humanist and humanitarian. Nothing that was human was alien to him. He was deeply attached to the Holy Land, and would doubtless have been content to have his memorial here. The trees that are to be planted today will serve as the permanent link of his memory with this country, in whose service and for whose peace he made the supreme sacrifice. The Foreign Minister of Israel, the Chief of the Israel Army's General Staff, the head of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, the diplomatic representative of Sweden, Count Bernadotte's former collaborators of the Consular Truce Commission, and many others who were associated with him in his work are to take part in the ceremony and there testify to his achievement and their reverence for his memory.

From Yesterday's Press

Critical of Lack Of Newsprint

All papers complain about the lack of newsprint. Two years ago an excellent opportunity existed to buy "enormous quantities" of newsprint without hard currency, "Herut" claims, but the "bureaucracy" did not exploit this opportunity. Even now we could overcome our difficulties, says the paper, if the Government's attitude towards the press were not profoundly hostile, as demonstrated once again by the recent remarks of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Commerce.

A correspondent in "Davar" (Histadrut) asks whether the logical conclusion of Yitzhak Sadeh's analysis—that the fight at Ismailia is "our fight," that the "nationalist extremists" are fighting side by side with "progressive elements" and that we should support them as Zionists and Socialists, is a call for collaboration with the "liberation battalions" organized by the Egyptian Government.

"Haboker" (General Zionist), again attacks the Government's bank economic attitude and terms it "typical of people who spent half their lives in a kolbez between the Deister and the Dnieper." (In a former editorial "Haboker" mentioned the Bug and Vistula). Jews are coming here from other countries, however, and they wish to bring their capital. The influx of money will, therefore, continue, even if the Government passes laws against it. The economic tension has lessened somewhat, a favourable indication that the public is mature, but the Government's basic approach still needs change.

B.O.A.C. VIA BEIRUT

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—B.O.A.C.'s Far Eastern services, formerly flying via Cairo, are to go through Beirut, it was learned here today. It is not yet certain whether this change is temporary.

The B.O.A.C. Constellation that landed at Lydda yesterday took off this morning for Karachi and Australia.

It is expected that the London-Cairo-Johannesburg services may be re-routed via Castel Benito airfield in Tripoli.

GIRLS SENTENCED FOR EVADING SERVICE

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Two girls who had evaded military service appeared before the Magistrate here today. Lita Levy, 20, of Bat Yam, chose six months in prison instead of the alternative IL.50 fine. Haya Katz, 19, of Holon was fined IL.30.

A 24 year old army deserter from Jerusalem was detained here today on charges of stealing radios and spare tyres from autos.

Throws Himself Before Minister's Car

An immigrant, who was refused an interview with the Prime Minister, barely escaped serious injury in Jerusalem at noon yesterday when he threw himself before the oncoming car of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. The driver, who stopped the vehicle in time, pulled him away from the front wheels of the car which he clutched. The man shouted "I want bread. I also am a Jew."

Later in the day when he returned to the Prime Minister's Office, he was referred to the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department. (Ilmi)

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER
Forecast: Fair.

401 immigrants and 14 tourists are to arrive in the s.s. Artzah in Haifa today.

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Only four days remain for the registration of heavy mechanical equipment. It was announced yesterday. Special registration forms are available at the Town Major's office and must be returned to the Central Registration Office, Army Post Office 151, by Thursday.

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Gershon Peles, cashier of the Peoples Bank, was remanded in absentia for another 15 days by Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

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A Chevrolet car belonging to Miss Rose Wetnberg, a U.N. employee, was reported stolen from the YMCA parking lot on Saturday night.

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"It Happened in Tel Aviv," the play staged by "Matate," will be open only to adults over 16 according to instructions from the Censorship Board.

POWER OF RABBINICAL COURTS CHALLENGED

The High Court, in another petition challenging the jurisdiction of the Rabbinical Courts, yesterday granted an order nisi to Mr. Eliahu Levy of Tel Aviv.

It was pleaded that since no appointments to the Supreme Rabbinical Council had been gazetted after the establishment of the State, the Council, as well as the lower Rabbinical Courts, have no legal standing.

CLAIMS CHIEF AGREED TO ALLOCATION

HAIFA, Sunday. — Mr. Gad Dohan, formerly of the Haifa staff of the Commerce Ministry, on trial in the District Court here for having allegedly received a flat on Mt. Carmel from a contractor against a permit for seven tons of iron outside the regular allocation, testified that his superior, Mr. A. Kraemener, had agreed to the allocation.

The Contractors' Organization had also been in favour, Mr. Dohan said.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV — Sausage: physical labourers 220 grams, 44, 45, 265 pruta. Potatoes: 2 kilos, Yud 35, visitors 87, zones 1-6. Carrots: 700 grams, Kaf 13, visitors, 46.
HAIFA and SAMARIA: Meat: 100 grams, Gimel 23, visitors, 44. Eggs: 4 Zayin 6, visitors, 10. Distribution this week of points to labourers for overalls at the Food Controller's office, 44 Jaffa Road, Haifa.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Mani, Mahane Yehuda, 3048. Herzl, Rehov Jaffa, 3068.
TEL AVIV: Altman, 1 King George, 3791. Bilu, 21 Bilu, 4063. Hygea, 22 Hagdud Halvri, 2266. Emanuel, 65 Ben Yehuda, 2133. Hadassah, Ha-tikva Gr., 87684. Trufa (Jaffa), Givat Aliya, 80221. Ramat Gan: Ramat Gan, 51 Elath. Givatayim: News opposite Fire Brigade.
HAIFA: Hakohav, 65 Wadi Salib Hadar, 21 Prophets, 3944. Kiryat Bialik: Bialik, 7230.

Readers' Letters

ISSUE OF THE VOTE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — My attention has been drawn to your New York correspondent's report in your issue of January 14:

The vote of the General Zionists has confounded the confusion of those few Z.O.A. members who follow Knesset deliberations. The confusion began when the General Zionists, who are considered the ideological allies of the Z.O.A. leaders, voted against Mr. Ben Gurion's foreign policy of friendliness to the West, a fact of which most Z.O.A. members are unaware and which has been ignored by their press.

Surely, as the editor of an Israel newspaper, you were fully aware that friendship with the West was not the issue of the vote.

My party's parliamentary group has frequently voted against the Ben Gurion Government's foreign policy. It is common knowledge, however, that we are not motivated in our decisions by friendship with the East and enmity to the West.

Yours etc., G. FLESCH
Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Organization of General Zionists
Jerusalem, January 22.

ON HIS OWN FEET

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — With reference to Th. F. M's article, "Artists in Shadow" on January 20, I would like to say the following:

I am not in the shadow nor in the light, but in fact on my own feet. Secondly, the Jerusalem Artists have invited me several times to arrange a one-man show. My reply to them was "not yet." However, I hope to exhibit in the very near future.

Yours etc.,
RUDOLF LEHMANN
Jerusalem, January 21.

THE JERUSALEM POST does not publish correspondence letters. If E.E. of Tel Aviv will send us her name and address which will not be printed, her letter of January 21 will be published.

Marauders Admit Carrying Arms

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Six marauders who had sneaked across the border from Egypt admitted to a military court today that they had been carrying firearms.

The men pleaded not guilty to the charges of discharging firearms, banding together and entering a closed zone without a permit. They were Eid Mansur Moa'id, Mariahat Suliman Esh'el Suliman Hasan Selim, Ali Suliman Ibn Mansur, Suliman Jam'a Mousa, and Suliman Suliman.

The court, in public session for the first time here, was filled mainly with Army and police personnel. According to the charge sheet, the accused crossed the border on September 28, 1951 and attempted to raid the Abu Mahamer tribe. Repelled, the marauders were trapped by the Army near Kibbutz Hatzerim, northwest of Beersheba.

The first witness, the Beersheba Police Chief, Mr. Yehuda Ragoni, identified the accused and the weapons. The trial will continue tomorrow.

An Arab infiltrator apprehended in a house in Jaffa, was remanded for 15 days by the Magistrate's Court in Tel Aviv today.

ANTI-MARAUDER PLAN TO BE TRIED

Final details for implementation of Israel's anti-infiltration proposal were worked out by the two senior delegates to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission in Jerusalem yesterday morning, it was learned.

The plan, which is understood to have been approved by the Israel and Jordan GHQ's, is to be given a fortnight's trial starting Friday.

Following the meeting, the two delegates proceeded to Battir in the Jerusalem area where, according to a Jordan complaint, three villagers were killed last week.

Court Restores Original Fine

The Supreme Court yesterday halved to IL.100, or three months imprisonment, "a sentence imposed on Ya'acov Vogler by the Tel Aviv District Court for smuggling goods and failing to pay luxury duties. The accused will also have to pay a threefold luxury tax, but will not have his property confiscated.

When the accused heard the Tel Aviv District Court fine him IL.100 for the two offences in May last year, he fainted. The judge convened another sitting, and handed down a IL.500 sentence. The date of delivery of the first judgment had been recorded, but it is not clear whether it had been signed. The Supreme Court pointed out that it was not the nature of the offence, but the unfortunate fact that Vogler had fainted which brought about the additional fine. After investigating the circumstances of the case, the original sentence was restored.

TWO HIKERS MISSING

RAMLE, Sunday (ITIM). — A group of 15 year old youngsters hiking near here yesterday reported that two members of the group disappeared on the way home. Police have not yet found the missing hikers.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 323 M.

English News: 2 and 9.30 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.45 Programme for Yemenites. 5.00 Child's Corner. 5.15 Children's Hour. 5.45 Bible Reading. 6.15 Piano Recital: Yaacov Gimpel (R). 6.45 Talmud Lesson by Rabbi M.Z. Nuriya. 7.45 Jennie Tourel (R). 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 The Curtain Rises. 9.45 Vocal Recital: Efraim Di Zahav. 10.15 Melody & Rhythm (R). 10.30 Recital: Sascha Parnes & Moshe Lustig. 11.05 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 & 460 M.): 6.30 p.m. French; 7.00 p.m. Ladino; 7.30 p.m. Yiddish.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220, 225 and 44.6 M.): 4.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 4.35 Literary Corner. 6.45 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "The Soldier: as a Civilian." 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Chamber Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

Entertainment

JERUSALEM at 6.30 & 8.30
ARNON: Born Yesterday.
EDEN: Three Guys Named Mike.
EDISON: The Elusive Pimpernel.
ORION: I'll Get By.
SEMADAR: Anna Karenina.
STUDIO: June Bride.
ZION: Samson and Delilah.
11.30-12.30: Film Shorts of Israel. Keren Hayesod Head Office.
8.45 p.m.: "Poilu da Carrotte" — French film; Y.M.C.A. Hall; auspices — Film Appreciation Society. Registration of new members at Box Office, 6-9 p.m.
TEL AVIV
7 & 8.30 p.m.: George Val presents "Li-La-Lo Nous" by Lea Grunberg; Jaffeta Hall.
8 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men"; Chamber Theatre Mograbi Hall.
830 p.m.: Pearl Primus and her group; Ohel Shem Hall.
HAIFA
11-1; 4-6: Exhibition (painting and sculptures) by Haifa artists—Municipal Museum (Town Hall).

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12 Year Old Boy Hit by Bus

HAIFA, Sunday.—Anton Haddad, 12, was seriously injured when a bus ran over him while he was pushing a cart in Rehov Khoury here this morning. He was taken to the Government Hospital. The driver was released on bail.

For running down a pedestrian in August 1950, Zeev Schneider was fined IL.100 by the Magistrate in Tel Aviv today.

Bank Leumi Lends T.A. IL.120,000 for Relief

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Bank Leumi is to lend the Tel Aviv Municipality IL. 120,000 for flood relief. Final agreement on the loan was reached today, Deputy Mayor H. Levanon told the Council tonight. He criticised the "cumbersome procedure" involved and objected to the Bank's demands that the Municipality supply details of the loan's expenditure.

The Mayor, Mr. I. Rokach, said that the Municipality had not yet received the IL.450,000 granted by the Government last year for public works. "The Ministry of Labour approved the loan, but the Treasury has objected to it," he said.

The council discussed increasing taxes on business premises from the present maximum IL.250 to IL.1,000.

'Air of Truce' In Jerusalem Council

An air of truce pervaded the Jerusalem Municipal Council last night as the Council discussed and acted on 40 points on the agenda.

No direct allusions were made to widely discussed coalition revisions, the parties involved apparently being unwilling to discuss the issue while behind-the-scenes negotiations are in progress.

Sentenced for Thefts In Haifa Port

HAIFA, Sunday. — Six men, including four Government employees, were found guilty of thefts in Haifa Port and sentenced by the Magistrate here today. Avraham Gruenberg, who stole six metres of cloth, received a six weeks sentence. Gruenberg pleaded that his IL.46 salary and IL.50 hotel bill prevented him from maintaining his family.

Zvi Solnick, a customs policeman, was sent to jail for four months. Joseph Albukhari and Joseph Geller were sentenced to six weeks imprisonment, the latter to be on good behaviour for two years. Joseph Fuerberg and Zvi Tillinger were given two and one months, respectively. Tillinger was also fined IL.100.

Separate Trials For Sailors Asked

HAIFA, Sunday. — The trial of the 29 seamen of the s.s. Tel Aviv was adjourned in the District Court here today, after the six defence counsel asked that the men be tried separately, as any evidence against one of them might be to the prejudice of the others.

The defence counsel argued that the charge sheet was invalid as it accused the men of assaulting "police on duty," not on "lawful duty." If a crew refused to permit police to board a ship to drink coffee, no offence would have been committed, they argued. The charge sheet, furthermore, did not state why the police wanted to board the ship.

The District Attorney, L. Rabinovitch, asked that the word "lawful" be added, but objected to each accused being tried separately. "The interest of the prisoner is not always the interest of justice," he said. Judge A. Schal will give his decision tomorrow.

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'Runaway Inflation' In Israel

LONDON, Sunday (JNA). — "Israel is experiencing a runaway inflation," Mr. Eric Bosnow writes in "The Sunday Times" today in a despatch from Jerusalem entitled "Terribly Ill at Ease in Zion."

"The drop in Israel currency is the result of speculative activities of international money dealers," he writes, "but it actually reflects the economic and financial position of the country. Prices are rising and the amount of money in circulation increases steadily. The supply of goods and food is becoming shorter from day to day, and the value of money is falling continuously."

The Israel Government, Mr. Bosnow says, "made a basic economic mistake by introducing various ranges of controlled prices. They allowed the importation of foods at special high rates of exchange and when the importers could arrange for payment with foreign currency obtained from future Israel investors abroad."

The correspondent believes that the controlled disinflation introduced recently and the economic adaptation of the country to available resources will lead to an adjustment and creation of economic stability based on moderate living standards. But to achieve this, financial and administrative controls not existing at the moment are necessary.

Eight Years For Beating Prisoners

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Ya'acov Hoenigman, 28, was today sentenced to eight and a half years in prison on 14 charges of beating prisoners while he was "kapo" in Germany during World War II. The Tel Aviv District Court ruled that one of the charges, "acts against humanity," could not be upheld because the accused did not plan to exterminate his fellow Jews. Another charge of killing nine Jews was also dropped because of insufficient evidence, the Court decided.

Mr. A. Hake, defending, asked for mercy because Hoenigman acted under duress. The Court accepted the plea, but said the accused was "a bad, brutal and inhuman Jew" and that leniency would be unfair to the memory of the martyrs. The Court was composed of Dr. Y. Kister and Dr. Y. Kandelovitz, with Dr. M. Bar Zakai presiding. District Attorney A. Gesundi prosecuted.

WAR CRIME CHARGE

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Elimelech Rosenwald, 35, was remanded for 15 days by the Magistrate here today for "acts against humanity." According to the prosecution, the accused while in charge of a shoe-store in a concentration camp in Poland during 1943 caused the death of Pinhas Goldbrodkin, 14, and beat up five other camp inmates.

ACQUITTED OF ARSON

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Haim Rivlin and Mordecai Freund were acquitted by the District Court here today of the charge of setting fire to the Maccabi Stadium in Ramat Gan in October, 1951. It was alleged that the accused committed the offence to prevent the use of the Stadium on the Sabbath. The Court held the evidence was insufficient to convict them.

SNOW. — Deep snow covered most of Britain yesterday after the coldest night for several years. Frozen roads slowed down highway traffic throughout the country and routes through hill districts were impassable.

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Cables in Brief

THEFT. — Soviet Military Attache Major-General Boris Rastov's wife had jewels to London was ransacked and some of his clothes stolen yesterday. The raider used tactics similar to those in raids on the home of a Finnish Legation official two weeks ago, and on the Rumanian Embassy, when drawers, desks and cupboards were turned out but jewellery and plate were left untouched.

ARRESTS. — Leaders of the South African Indian Congress were taken to police headquarters on Saturday after they had addressed a Congress meeting in Johannesburg. They included Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, President of the Congress, who last year was banned from addressing meetings under the Union's Riotous Assemblies Act.

CHAMPION. — Vic Towell kept his world bantamweight championship in Johannesburg yesterday in a brawling 15-round decision against Scot Peter Keenan, who was dumped to the canvas four times, but still hung on gamely at the finish.

Mossadegh Woos New British Move

TEHERAN, Sunday (AP). — Premier Mossadegh today invited the British Government to take up a new approach towards the settlement of the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute.

The aging Premier sent an unusual "message" to the British Government in an unusual way — through the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd. Sir Francis called on Premier Mossadegh at his bedside to bid good-bye before his departure tomorrow for his new post — Warsaw.

The Premier's curiously worded message was:

"The Iranian Government and nation have never desired the slightest difference at any time with any Government. I cannot see why the British Government has not yet settled an issue which could have been settled easily and with good will.

"A difference still exists between the two Governments. If the path which has been traversed in the past has been to the benefit of the British Government, then there is no reason why it should not continue to traverse the same path. But, if it is other than this, another path should be chosen so that those differences are removed."

Memorial Meetings For Iraqi Youths

Memorial meetings on the seventh day after the hanging in Baghdad of Youssef Ibrahim Basri and Shalom Saleh were held yesterday afternoon in the David's Tomb Synagogue on Mt. Zion, in Tel Aviv's Great Synagogue and in ma'harot throughout the country.

At Mt. Zion, Mr. Yitzhak Raphael, Head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, eulogized the two youths in the presence of representatives of the Chief Rabbinate, rabbis from Iraq, and Government, Jewish Agency and institutional officials.

The Tel Aviv Mayor, Mr. Israel Rokach, and Municipal leaders attended the memorial service in the Great Synagogue. Mapai headquarters in Tel Aviv, where 400 persons assembled for a protest meeting, bore the national flag draped in black.

In Jerusalem today, a meeting of memorial and protest has been called by the Iraqi Community Committee and the Union of Young Iraqis at 4.30 p.m. in the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, 31 David Yellin Street.

Social & Personal

LUNCHEON at the KING DAVID HOTEL

The Swiss Minister and Mrs. Seifert and the British Minister and Lady Evans called at the President's house in Rehovot yesterday.

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Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett has sent congratulatory messages to Mr. R.G. Casey, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the occasion of Australia's National Day, and to Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs of India on the occasion of India's Independence Day.

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Dr. J.E. Goldthot, Director of UNESCO's Social Science Department in the Middle East, arrived for a short visit.

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Mr. M. Avidom, former Secretary General of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, was the guest of honour on Saturday at a reception at the home of Mr. Pinhas Rosen, Chairman of the Board of the Orchestra. Mr. Avidom has been appointed Musical Adviser to the Jerusalem Convention Centre.

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Dr. Nathan Morris, Director of the Jewish Agency's Department of Diaspora Education and Culture, and Mr. Meir Ben Moshe, assistant principal of the Bialik School in Tel Aviv and former Zionist Organization emissary in South America, participated in an Agency reception in honour of South American teachers who have completed an intensive course here and are about to return to teaching positions in their home communities.

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Mrs. L.E. Andrews has donated IL.250 to the Hiriya ma'haron in memory of her late son, Raymond Edward Andrews.

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Mr. John Barnas has presented a complete set of musical compositions, written and edited by his father, the late Professor Israel Barnas, of London, to the Jewish National and University Library.

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Mr. Jascha Spivakovsky, the pianist, will make his last appearance with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Tel Aviv tomorrow evening.

BIRTH

EIGER — To Alice (nee Brinitzer), wife of Julian Eiger (on January 26, 1952, at Degani Hospital, Jaffa — a son.

MARRIAGE

GILLER-BRADLAW

The marriage took place in London on Sunday, January 27, between Marshall, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Giller, of Miami Beach, Florida, and Ruth Edna, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bradlaw, of Westminster Gardens, London.

OBITUARY

Mr. Gustav Vas

The death took place in Jerusalem on January 26, 1952, of Gustav Vas, deeply mourned by his wife, Margit Vas, and his daughters, Magda Hagenberg, Jerusalem, and Helen Hausmann, New York. Please refrain from condolences.

Mr. David Zibulsky

The death is announced in Haifa on January 26, 1952, of David Zibulsky at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mrs. Alice Janower, widow of the late Joseph Janower, wishes to thank the National Institutions and her many friends for their expressions of sympathy in her great loss.

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Progressive Party, Haifa
CENTRAL EUROPEAN CIRCLE
Tomorrow, Tuesday, January 29, 1952 at 8.30 p.m. at the Party's Club, 3a Rehov Ariosoroff,
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WE have the pleasantest wartime memories of Groppi's restaurant in Cairo, which the Egyptians have so wastefully burned down. Although sugar was nominally rationed then you could buy there an Easter egg four feet tall, covered with gadgets, filled with chocolate, and costing L.E.120, which could at the time have kept an Egyptian family for a year. But even if you were not going to buy the egg you could sit in the pleasant garden and eat memorable teas and cake and ponder the extraordinary mixture of people who came there to do the same. Unlike most other places in Cairo, favoured by the Allied armies, Groppi's was also much patronized by Egyptians, mainly young Army officers taking their families out, and all grown enormously fat, probably on years of Groppi's cakes. Still it seems to us a curious thing to destroy Groppi's in order to fight the British, even though the British at Groppi's seemed to us unnecessarily emphatic in their Britishness, and so much more British than, for instance, the French were French.

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A MAN who talks to cats tells us that a sort of cat club has been meeting regularly near his house in Jerusalem for some months past, and that meetings lately have been quite rowdy. After one of these sessions, he says, the cats go off in twos and threes to knock the lids off dust-bins and stalk back-yard chickens. He says he thinks that it is probably the food they complain about when they get together, but that it does not seem to prevent them from reproducing, for their numbers have increased by leaps and bounds. In the past he used quite often to send his dog out to chase them away if the noise was too distracting, but lately, he wound up, all the cats get together and simply chase him in again.

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WE hear that a man went to Kol Yisrael to apply for a job as an announcer. When he came back his friends asked him how it had gone. It seems that first they asked him a few questions, and though they seemed a little surprised everything went off all right. Then they gave him a report to read, and he did that too. And then? "Uh-that-I-I-I-just it, th-th-th-then th-they g-g-gave th-the j-ob-b t-t-t-to a M-m-man-mate."

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